

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY Tobacco Use Statistics

ADULTS

Adult Tobacco Use

Information about reductions will be available in early 2003

- We do not have data (from BRFSS) to tell us how many Wahkiakum County adults are smokers.¹

Quit Line

- 13 people from Wahkiakum County called the Quit Line last year.²

YOUTH

Current Cigarette Smoking

New data will be available in early 2003

- Our most recent survey data showed:³
 - 6th grade: 4.5% in Wahkiakum County, and 4.0% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
 - 8th grade: 45.0% in Wahkiakum County, and 12.5% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
 - 10th grade: 27.0% in Wahkiakum County, and 19.8% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
 - 12th grade: 36.4% in Wahkiakum County, and 27.6% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.

PREGNANT WOMEN

Smoking During Pregnancy

New data will be available in mid-2003

- About 37.9% of pregnant women in Wahkiakum County smoke during pregnancy, compared to 12.6% statewide.⁴
- About 10 infants are born each year in Wahkiakum County to mothers who smoke during pregnancy.⁵

¹ Data from the Department of Health Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) are collected using a statewide random sample of adults. Fewer than 50 adults were interviewed as part of the BRFSS in Wahkiakum County during 1997-2001; therefore, we are unable to estimate the prevalence of smoking for the county from this survey.

² Data include counts of tobacco users, health care provider, and other callers seeking information from the Washington State Tobacco Quit Line between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002, who identified themselves as being residents of Wahkiakum County.

³ Data for Wahkiakum County were collected from youth who participated in the Washington State Survey of Adolescent Health Behaviors (WSSAHB) in Fall 2000. The margins of error for estimates in Wahkiakum County are: 6th grade ($\pm 6.2\%$), 8th grade ($\pm 21.8\%$), 10th grade ($\pm 14.3\%$), and 12th grade ($\pm 16.4\%$). This means that the “true” population value (percent of current smokers) is somewhere in this range of the reported percentage, but may not be exactly equal to the reported percentage.

Data for Washington were collected as part of a statewide sample of youth for the WSSAHB in Fall 2000. The margins of error for estimates are: 6th grade ($\pm 0.7\%$), 8th grade ($\pm 1.1\%$), 10th grade ($\pm 1.5\%$), and 12th grade ($\pm 2.0\%$)

⁴ Data are from 2001 Washington State Birth Certificates. The margin of error for Wahkiakum County is ($\pm 17.7\%$); the margin of error for Washington State is ($\pm 0.2\%$). Women who answer ‘yes’ to the question “Did mother smoke at any time during pregnancy?” are classified as smokers. Health risk behaviors like smoking during pregnancy may be underreported due to growing social unacceptability of unhealthy behaviors during pregnancy.

⁵ The number of infants born to mothers who smoke during pregnancy are calculated using an average of the births to mothers who report smoking on the Birth Certificate from 1999-2001. The estimate is rounded to the nearest factor of ten.